

1 District Judge Benjamin H. Settle
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

9 GURPREET KAUR, *et al.*,

Case No. 3:24-cv-05334-BHS

10 Plaintiffs,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

11 v.

12 UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

Noted for Consideration:
June 21, 2024

13 Defendants.

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15 Plaintiffs and Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules
16 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until December
17 5, 2024. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to
18 compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate Plaintiff Kaur’s
19 asylum application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on July 2, 2024. The
20 parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties
21 request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until December 5, 2024.

22 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
23 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
24 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
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3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff Kaur’s asylum interview for August 7, 2024. USCIS
5 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,
6 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
7 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
8 report to the Court. Plaintiff Kaur will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any,
9 to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff Kaur recognizes that failure to
10 submit documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the
11 adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff Kaur will bring an interpreter to the interview,
12 otherwise the interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Accordingly,
13 the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct Plaintiff Kaur’s asylum interview
14 and then process her asylum application.

15 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold the
16 case in abeyance until December 5, 2024. The parties will submit a status update on or before
17 December 5, 2024.

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ORDER

2 The case is held in abeyance until December 5, 2024. The parties shall submit a status
3 update on or before December 5, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2024.


BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
United States District Judge